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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ An identification device for individualizing the identification of a personal item configured to be worn on a person's body of a person, the identification device comprising a printout of an image of a pressure-distribution pattern obtained by at least one at least two-dimensional sampling of a pressure distribution between a part of a person's the body of a person and a substantially solid object, wherein different high pressures are represented in the pressure-distribution pattern by at least one of area elements that are differently colored and area elements that are shaded in different ways, said printouts being attachable to the personal item.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein different high pressures are represented by area elements that are differently colored.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sampling of the pressure distribution comprises a plurality of samplings of various pressure distributions that occur during a movement sequence in which a contact between ~~the a~~ body part and the substantially solid object is established and then abolished.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein ~~the pressure distributions comprise~~ pressure-distribution pattern includes at least one of mean and peak values obtained during the movement sequence.

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6. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the image is printed on the item.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Identification~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the image is impressed on the ~~item of clothing~~ personal item by a thermotransfer process for reproducing patterns.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Application of an~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~for the purpose of identifying an item of clothing,~~ wherein the pressure-distribution pattern ~~under a foot during walking~~ is obtained under a foot during walking and the pattern is configured to identify an item of clothing.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Application of an~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~for the purpose of identifying an item of clothing,~~ wherein the pressure-distribution pattern obtained ~~is that under the~~ is of a sitting surface when the person sits down and the pattern is configured to identify an item of clothing.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~Application of an~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~for the purpose of identifying an item of clothing,~~ wherein the pressure-distribution pattern obtained ~~is that at the~~ is of a surface of the a hand when an object is grasped and the pattern is configured to identify an item of clothing.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~Application of an~~ The identification device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the pressure-distribution pattern is obtained from ~~the person who uses~~ a user of the identification device.
12. (Canceled).